

September 23, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Maynard; Supt. Moss; Ed Adams; Sue Shelton; Jeff Pruitt – EDC of SW IN; Bldg. Comm. Sherry Willis; Om Narla –Golars Environmental; Dave Pearce – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens; and Beth McFadin Higgins.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated Council District #3 Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be September 29 at 7:00 pm at the First Christian Church.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Chief Beloit added there will be a Crime Prevention Officer from EPD in attendance. He stated last year, District #3 was their biggest turn out.

Beth McFadin Higgins arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report, everything is going pretty smoothly.

Mayor Tucker added he has been hearing that Chief Dixon is doing a super job.

Board member Fuelling asked if all the trucks are clean and if the ladder truck is working properly ?

Chief Dixon replied yes.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens updated the Board on the sewer project by stating 600 feet of force main has been run down W. 2nd Street and they stopped at Vine and Chestnut. He added they bored under the first set of railroad tracks as well.

Board member Fuelling asked if things seem to be going well ?

Supt. Givens replied so far, so good.

Board member Higgins asked if they have had any issues like what they had on E. Water Street ?

Supt. Givens replied not yet.

Board member Fuelling added it sounds good to him.

Supt. Givens then updated them on Mill Creek Lift Station by stating the pump station is complete and it was leak tested. A small leak was detected and they station was then drained, recoated, and filled again for another leak test.

Board member Higgins questioned if the completion date is still good ?

Supt. Givens replied yes.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated as he reported earlier, the city salt order is in and ready for the street department to purchase and pick up as needed. He added the beet juice is being readied as well. He concluded by stating he hopes the older dump trucks hold up for another winter.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda and the first item is action on a new copier for city hall.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated they have two quotes – Business Equipment for \$8069.00 and Lang for \$9119.00.

Board member Higgins moved Board accept the low quote of Business Equipment for the new copier.

Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated there are also some quotes to open on the demolition of 1329 Locust Street and 900 E. 3rd Street. She then opened the quotes as follows:

O’Risky Excavating	
900 E 3 rd Street	11704.00
1329 Locust Street	6300.00

D K Parker Co., Inc.	
900 E 3 rd Street	17033.00
1329 Locust Street	7060.00

Russell’s Excavating	
900 E 3 rd Street	20900.00
3129 Locust Street	13500.00

Board acknowledged receipt of the quotes and they will be taken under advisement for review by Bldg. Comm. Willis and Attorney Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated they have been discussing the relocation of their sanitary force main on the bridge on Old State Hwy 62, and he believes Supt. Givens has an update.

Supt. Givens stated they are now ready to proceed. He added he met with the county and they will be ready to do something with the bridge in a year, but he would like the city to have their line off the bridge as soon as possible. He stated the county will then sign off that the location of the line is good and will not interfere with their plans. He added they are ready to sign off on the plan with Bernardin Lochmueller.

Mayor Tucker added the contract with BLA is \$6500 with a "not to exceed" of \$11100.00

Board member Fuelling stated he is glad Supt. Givens was so adamant on getting the county to sign off on the location.

Board member Higgins moved they move forward with BLA and that Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign contract. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Fuelling asked if they are all cleared up now on the flooding of basements, laterals, etc. (Morrow) ?

Supt. Givens replied he hopes they know now what is up, and those lines are on their maintenance schedule.

Supt. Moss added on October 18 the folks that put the foam in the lines will be coming down to check the status of that and see how it is working.

Board member Fuelling questioned the flooding of basements they had on Cardinal Drive in the spring.

Supt. Givens replied they are still working on that. He added Aaron Burke and he are looking at the tapes of the televised lines and there appears to be a lot of work that still needs to be done there.

Mayor Tucker stated several months ago, the Board heard that the BP Station was having issues with EPA/IDEM and the city gave permission to American Environmental to clean up the area and discharge into the storm sewer. He added American Environmental is now leaving the project and bringing in someone else to take it over – Golars Environmental.

Mr. Narla stated their firm is based in Fishers, IN and they are environmental engineering firm. He stated this project has been transferred from American Environmental to their company. He added American Environmental had permits for the project, and prepared a corrective action plan which the city accepted. He added Golars will satisfy the contract and he believes their attorney has contacted the city attorney.

Ms. McFadin Higgins (the City Attorney) stated she has only received an email from Mr. Narla, nothing from their attorney. She added the city needs documentation that their firm is being licensed through the State of Indiana and they will then need to sign off on the city's contract.

Mr. Narla relied that will be no problem.

Supt. Givens stated American Environmental had an agreement from the city, not a permit. He added he has not received a copy of Golars' permit. He then stated he believes they are already doing work of some kind there as he has received a discharge monthly monitor report. In this case, they should have already had a copy of the permit.

Ms. McFadin Higgins stated Golars needs to sign off on the city's agreement.

Supt. Givens stated he believes American Environmental will still oversee the project until it is no longer in their name.

Mr. Narla replied yes, that is true. He then stated Golars is not to touch the site until the contract is signed.

Supt. Givens agreed to that.

Board member Fuelling stated originally the completion date was anywhere between two and five years, is that still the case ?

Mr. Narla replied he is not sure, that is still wide open.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Ms. McFadin Higgins stated she is present at their meeting today to get permission to advertise for the Safe Route to School. She stated if Board will recall, this involved improvements along the east boundary of West Elementary School. Involved in the project is a “crossover”, a triangular piece of land located to the south of land owned by the Russells. She stated this area is unplatted and unowned. She would like permission to advertise an imminent domain petition which would allow them access to the land to construct the Safe Route to School sidewalk.

Board member Fuelling moved permission be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He added Board will recall this work is being done with a \$245,000 grant, it will cost the city nothing.

Board member Fuelling stated he appreciates everyone’s efforts on this as he knows the time that went into trying to get access to this piece of land.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added they have all done a super job.

Jeff Pruitt approached and stated he has some documents for Mayo Tucker’s signature – disbursement sheets on the sewer project for draw downs for EDC, BLA, and Keiffer. He added he also has the semi annual report, and further stated the city is very fortunate that they have a lot of grant funds here in their community.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Higgins stated Chris Harp was at their last meeting concerning street closures for a 5K run on October 1. She added that run will now be moved to October 15. She then stated because the event isn’t not for profit she questioned giving them the city barricades and the use of city workers to help for the event.

Comm. Maynard replied he feels they should pick the barricades up at the street department themselves and that the city departments not get involved in political events, for either party.

Board member Fuelling agreed and added they still have no proof of insurance yet.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added she was contacted by the group about that last week. She stated she contacted Dennis Feldhaus at ONB Insurance Group and she believes he has been talking with the group. Mr. Feldhaus stated they need insurance, the city needs to have the certificate of coverage, and they must list the city as additional insured.

Board member Higgins moved the dates be amended from October 1 to October 15, and again, pending proof of insurance being received by the city and that they group pick up the barricades at the street department. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Ed Adams stated on behalf of the Kiwanis, he would like to thank the street department and the city for a successful run. Hopefully next year it will be bigger.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer